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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 26, 1998, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from January 26, 1999 to and including April 26, 1999.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$435. Please charge the required fee to

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Respectfully submitted,

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